

# A LITTLE LEAVEN

1 Cor 5:6-8

Church discipline: Matt 18

1. Confront one on one.
2. Confront with 2 or 3
3. Tell it to church
4. Cast out

Ugly thing

Consequences much worse when not proceed.

Mac: ...*Sin is a spiritual malignancy, and it will not stay isolated. Unless removed it will spread its infection until the whole fellowship of believers is diseased.*

## 1 Corinthians 5:6

Gives reason why he has told them to eject the man from the church

**Glorying** – boasting, bragging.

Not willing to see real picture.

**Barnes:** *It is only when we are blind to the realities of the case, and overlook our faults, that we are disposed to boast.*

**Not good:** Out of place, bad, unseemly, unfit. Not consistent with what you are.

**Leaven:** An agent, such as yeast, that causes batter or dough to rise, especially by fermentation.

When put little yeast/leaven in dough it will enter into and pervade entire lump of dough.

Leaven

✚ Small-secret.

✚ Powerful

✚ Spreads

✚ Puffs up

✚ Defiles

Leaven--picture of sin

1. Attitude toward sin.
2. False doctrine. Matthew 16:6,12
3. Declining service.

Galatians 5:7 -9 .

**Leaven spreads.**

## 1 Corinthians 5:7

**Purge out:** Clean out, put away, free yourselves from.

Gromaki: *the command to purge conveys a decisive, thorough cleansing.*

Passover in Ex 12-13.

Leaven represented old life.

Unleavened bread spoke of new life in new land.

Every year .. go through houses and clean out leaven

We are to do this on a continual basis.

*...that ye may be a new lump*, experience results of being uncontaminated and fresh in fellowship and relationship with God.

*as ye are unleavened*: position in Christ. Romans 8:1

Practically, allowing leaven to affect their lives and church.

Infected by sin and false doctrine.

*For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us*: Jn 1:29; **1 Peter 1:19**

If Jews in OT cleaned out all leaven because of blood ... surely you ought to be cleaning out your hearts...

**Leaven** – sin (yeast)

Small, powerful, spreads, puffs up, defiles.

Manifest

1. Attitude toward sin (arrogance)
2. Doctrine – false
3. Service – declining

How deal with it? Purge it out!

Options.

1. Ignore
2. Tolerate
3. Accept
4. Promote
5. Purge

**1 Corinthians 5:8** *Therefore let us keep the feast*, Enjoy all benefits of new life in Christ

*not with old leaven*, without anything resembling old life

**Malice**: badness, malignity, depravity, naughtiness.

**Wickedness**: depravity, evil purposes and desires.

**Sincerity**: purity, real thing.

**Truth**: Actions which accept no sham, fake, deceit

## SO WHAT?

1. Don't glory in sin
2. Purge out old leaven.
3. Keep the feast